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SUBJECT: COLLECTIVE DEMARCHE TO GOI ON REVISED SETTLEMENT  
PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIA

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1. THE AMBASSADOR OF WEST GERMANY, AS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE  
PRESENT, LED A DELEGATION CONSISTING OF THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISS-  
IONER, THE CHARGES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE, AND MYSELF  
IN CALLING THIS MORNING ON FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE TO SEEK  
THE GOI'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONTACT GROUP'S REVISED SETTLEMENT  
PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S SIDE OF THE TABLE  
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INCLUDED BOTH FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA AND SECRETARY VELLODI PLUS  
TWO JUNIOR OFFICERS NOT KNOWN TO ME. AMBASSADOR ONCKEN MADE AN  
EXCELLENT PRESENTATION WHICH I BACKED UP WITH THE TALKING POINTS  
OF STATE 082435. MINISTER VAJPAYEE RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS  
THAT WE COULD NOT ANSWER ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION ON SPE-  
CIFIC POINTS. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERING TO THE  
DEC 31, 1978 TERMINUS IN ORDER TO OBVIATE THE DANGER OF EXTER-

NAL FORCES BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE AREA. HE WAS CATEGORICAL ABOUT INDIA'S INTEREST IN A NEGOTIATED, PEACEFUL SOLUTION. HE SAID THAT INDIA WOULD TRY TO USE ITS INFLUENCE IN THAT DIRECTION WHEN TALKING WITH SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA, BUT ADDED "THE KEY LIES WITH YOU" -MEANING, UNQUESTIONABLY, IN OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE SOUTH AFRICA.

2. SINCE THE GOI HAD NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE REVISED PROPOSALS IN ADVANCE, A MORE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE THAN THAT REPORTED ABOVE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED. THE GOI IS CLEARLY MORE SUSPICIOUS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INTENTIONS THAN SWAPO'S. AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS NO DIRECT MEANS OF KNOWING HOW SOUTH AFRICA IS LIKELY TO RESPOND TO THE CONTACT GROUP'S REVISED PROPOSALS. CONSEQUENTLY, MOST OF THE GOI'S QUESTIONS BORE ON THESE QUESTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WANTED TO KNOW (A) THE SIZE OF SA FORCES AT WALVIS BAY AND WHETHER THEY CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO THE PROPOSALS SUCCESS; (B) WHETHER SA HAS AGREED TO REDUCE ITS FORCES IN NAMIBIA ITSELF TO THE 1500-MAN LEVEL AND RESTRICTED PLACEMENT SPECIFIED IN THE REVISED PROPOSALS; (C) AND, MOST PARTICULARLY, WHETHER SA WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE REMOVAL OF ALL ITS FORCES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA BY DEC 31, 1978. NONE OF OUR DELEGATION HAD SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND TO ATTEMPT ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.

3. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THE INDIAN'S RESPONSE TO OUR PRESENTATION WAS, I THOUGHT, A VERY DIRECT AND FAIRLY EXTENDED STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE DANGER THAT EXTERNAL

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FORCES WOULD BE INVITED INTO THE CONFLICT IF SOUTH AFRICA FAILED TO AGREE TO WITHDRAW FROM NAMIBIA BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. HE CITED BOTH ANGOLA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA AS PRECEDENTS. AMBASSADOR ONCKEN REPLYING FOR US SAID THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS WERE OF COURSE AWARE OF THIS DANGER AND THAT ONE OBJECT OF THE CONTACT GROUPS REVISED PROPOSALS WAS TO FORESTALL IT. HE ADDED THAT THE ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S REVISED PROPOSAL WAS FOR THIS REASON A MATTER OF NATIONAL SELF-INTEREST IN THE EYES OF HIS GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS A MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL MORALITY.

4. WE HAVE ASKED FOR A COLLECTIVE APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY VELLODI FOR NEXT TUESDAY TO BE BRIEFED ON THE GOI'S TALKS WITH NUJOMA.

5. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORT IN APRIL 1 NATIONAL HERALD NUJOMA WILL SPEND ONE WEEK IN INDIA. BESIDES NEW DELHI HE WILL VISIT AGRA, JAIPUR, JODHPUR (CENTRAL ARID ZONE RESEARCH INSTITUTE) AND BOMBAY, WHENCE HE WILL DEPART FOR BAGHDAD

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